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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION ON NASA STATION CLOSURE

1. OMONOGO VAOVAO (AKFM) JULY 17: CONSIDERS THE CLOSING OF THE NASA STATION AS AN IMPORTANT EVENT IN THE MALAGASY NATION'S STRUGGLE FOR INDEPENDENCE AND SOVEREIGNTY; THE PAPER GOES ON TO REMIND ITS READERS THAT THE OPERATIONS OF THE STATION CANNOT BE CONTROLLED BECAUSE ALL DATA RECEIVED IS SENT TO THE U.S. FOR DECIPHERING. HOW THEN CAN THEY BE SURE THAT CIA AGENTS ARE NOT WORKING THERE. ARTICLE CONCLUDES BY MENTIONING VARIOUS CIA ACTIVITIES IN AFRICA AND SOUTH AMERICAN AND HEN REFERS TO RATSIRMANDRAVA'S ASSASSINATION.

2. HITA SY RE (AKFM) JULY 17: APPLAUDED THE CLOSING OF THE NASA STATION AND COMMENTED THAT THIS HAD ONCE AGAIN PUT AN END TO IMPERIALISTIC DOMINATION IN THE COUNTRY WHICH WOULD BE FOR THE GOOD OF MADAGASCAR.

3. MARESAKA, INDEPENDENT NATIONALISTIC, JULY 17: STATING THAT PERHAPS ANOTHER COUNTRY WILL BENEFIT FROM NASA'S WITHDRAWAL, THE PAPER WONDERS IF FORMER GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS WERE NOT CORRUPTED AND INVOLVED, AND ILL ADVISED THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT. PERHAPS TSIRANANA'S GOVERNMENT HAD ENTERED INTO A SECRET AGREEMENT WITH THE U.S. INDIRECTLY ANSWERING THE ABOVE QUESTIONS, THE PAPER MENTIONS RESAMPA'S ARREST AND AMBASSADOR MARSHALL'S DEPARTURE DUE TO A WIRELESS MESSAGE

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FROM WASHINGTON WHICH WAS INTERCEPTED AND DELIVERED TO

TSIRANANA BY SOMEONE.

4. OMONOGO VAOVAO (AKFM) DTD JULY 18:

CARRIES LARGE PHOTO ON FRONT PAGE OF CHARGE AND NASA STATION  
DIRECTOR STANDING BEFORE EMBASSY CAR WITH U.S. FLAG AT ENTRANCE TO  
NASA STATION BLOCKED BY TROOPS. SECOND SMALL PHOTO OF CLOSED FIST  
IS NEXT TO MASTHEAD. IT NOTES THAT ON SATURDAY, JULY 12, AT  
1000 HOURS ON THE ROAD TO NASA STATION, THE PEOPLE'S TROOPS  
BARRED THE CHARGE FROM GETTING THROUGH. THE ARTICLE GOES ON TO  
SUMMARIZE RATSIRAKA'S FRIDAY EVENING BROADCAST AND HIS ULTIMATUM  
OF CLOSING STATION ON JULY 14. ENDING, IT NOTES THAT  
AMERICAN POSITION DID NOT CHANGE AND THAT MALAGASY NATION DID  
NOT BACK DOWN BECAUSE MADAGASCAR DOES NOT KNEEL DOWN.  
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